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SUBJ: RTG EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION OF  
US TREATMENT OF THAI POWS

FOR JHRC, CLARK AB

1. POMIL COUNSELOR JUST RECEIVED LETTER DATED 9 MAR 73 FROM  
LTG KRIANGSAK CHOMANAN, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, SUPREME COMMAND  
HEADQUARTERS ( FORWARD) RE RTG APPRECIATION FOR US OUTSTANDING  
TREATMENT OF TWO RETURNING THAI POWS WHO RECENTLY PROCESSED  
THROUGH JHRC AT CLARK AB. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS: QUOTE: ON  
BEHALF OF THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT, AND ON MY OWN BEHALF,  
I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE  
OUTSTANDING TREATMENT AND CARE AFFORDED TO THE RECENTLY RELEASED  
THAI PRISONERS OF WAR. THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE  
TO HANDLE THEIR RETURN, AND THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO  
ALLOW AN OFFICER FROM MY HEADQUARTERS TO ESCORT THEM, WERE  
EXTREMELY THOROUGH AND WELL MANAGED. THE FACT THAT THE  
THAI RETURNEES RECEIVED THE SAME WELCOME AND TREATMENT AS  
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THEIR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED. PLEASE  
RELAY OUR THANKS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR THE ACCOMMODATIONS  
PROVIDED. PARAGRAPH. BASED ON MY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE THAI  
RETURNEES, AND UPON COMMENTS MADE BY THEIR ESCORT OFFICER,  
I AM DEEPLY MOVED BY THE FACT THAT THE THAI AND AMERICANS WORKED  
TOGETHER IN COMPLETE HARMONY WHILE IN CAPTIVITY IN THE COMMON  
EFFORT TO NOT ONLY SURVIVE, BUT ALSO TO CONTINUE TO EFFECTIVELY  
FUNCTION AS SOLDIERS IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRIES. THE  
MUTUAL ESTEEM AND RESPECT WHICH EACH HOLD FOR THE OTHER IS  
HEARTENING TO BEHOLD. END QUOTE.

2. AMBASSADOR UNGER ALSO DEEPLY APPRECIATES ASSISTANCE PROVIDED  
THAI RETURNEES BY EVERYONE INVOLVED.  
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